the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995. Instructions have been issued on 13.1.2000 and 27.3.2000 by the Department of Public Enterprises to all the CPSUs to launch a vigorous drive so that the minimum reservation of 3% vacancies as envisaged in the Act, is achieved. However, a large number of CPSUs are loss making, having surplus manpower and have introduced Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). As per information available from 191 CPSUs, 8,840 employees are with disabilities (1120: visually impaired, 1844: hearing impaired, and 5876: loco motor disabilities).

Inter Cast/Inter Religion Marriages

† l530. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian society has become very cruel against the youth, who are opting inter-caste and inter-religion marriages these days;

(b) if so, the number of murders of young couples who had inter-caste/ inter-religion marriages during the last five years;

(c) the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) what action Government are taking for providing security to those innocent people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Some isolated incidents have been reported.

(b) to (d) Public Order and Police are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India. State Governments are primarily concerned with the maintenance of law and order. The Union Government, inter-alia, shares such information which have a bearing on Communal Harmony, with the concerned State Governments to enable them to take appropriate action. Information on this are maintained by the State Government.

Crimes against SCs and STs

1531. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against vulnerable groups of SCs and STs are increasing;

(b) if so, the details of major crimes such as murder, rape and hurt reported during last five years; State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government for effective enforcement of PCR Act, 1995 and SC and ST (POA) Act, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir. As per information received from National Crimes Record Bureau (Ministry of Home Affairs), **the** incidence of crimes committed against SCs and STs during last five years are as under:—

Year	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	Total
1995	32996	5498	38494
1996	31440	4973	36413
1997	27944	4644	32288
1998	25638	4276	29914
1999	25093	4450	29543.

(b) As per details given in Statement I to III. *(See* below)

(c) Following steps are being taken for enforcement of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989:—

(i) Under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50 basis and to Union Territory Administrations on 100% basis for measures undertaken/proposed by them for effective implementation of both the Acts, which include the provision of adequate facilities including legal aid, the appointment of officers for initiating or exercising supervision over prosecution, setting up of Committees and Special Courts, conducting periodic surveys, identification of atrocity prone areas and providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims/dependents of atrocities.

(ii) Chief Secretaries of States/UTs have been requested to accord priority to implementation and monitoring of the policies/schemes related to the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

(iii) State Governments, where pendency of cases is high, have been requested to establish exclusive Special Courts for expedious disposal of cases registered.

(i v) Implementation of both the Acts was reviewed in a meeting of the State Secretaries of Scheduled Castes Development and Social Welfare Department held in February, 2000 and the State Secretaries were requested to taken necessary action for implementation of the Acts.

(v) Minister of the State for Social Justice and Empowerment has requested the Chief Ministers of all States/UTs on 2.8.2000 to take effective steps for implementation of both the Acts.

Statement-I

Crimes (MURDER) reported against Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons during the years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

S.N	. States/UTs	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
1	Andhra Pradesh	29	26	44	36	30
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	2	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bihar	23	31	39	14	6
5	Goa	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	41	34	27	30	37
7	Haryana	8	5	5	6	5
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	1	1	2
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	1	0	0	0
10	Karnataka	16	14	15	15	14
11	Kerala	5	9	10	5	5
12	Madhya Pradesh	104	70	93	90	93
13	Maharashtra	34	19	11	11	1 1
14	Manipur	1	0	0	0	0
15	Meghalaya	1	0	1	0	1
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0
17	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0
18	Orissa	9	5	14	8	13
19	Punjab	1	2	0	7	5
20	Rajasthan	45	66	62	64	63

S.N	, States/UTs	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
21	Sikkim	2	1	0	2	0
22	Tamil Nadu	33	15	19	32	21
23	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0
24	Uttar Pradesh	297	337	267	261	280
25	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0
27	Chandigarh Admn.	0	0	0	0	0
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
29	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
30	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
32	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0
TOT		646	637	608	582	568

Source: National Crimes Record Bureau, of Home

Note : Figures are provisional. **Statement-II**

Crimes (RAPE) reported against Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons during the years 1995, 1996. 1997. 1998 and 1999.

S.N	States/UTs	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
1	Andhra Pradesh	78	63	74	79	83
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	2
4	Bihar	27	39	24	27	28
5	Goa	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	41	30	40	48	51
7	Haryana	10	11	13	24	26
8	Himachal Pradesh	8	12	3	7	4
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	4	0	2
10	Karnataka	16	10	6	11	7
11	Kerala	45	40	98	101	64
12	Madhya Pradesh	435	437	495	463	538
13	Maharashtra	96	82	51	48	74
14	Manipur	1	0	0	0	0

S.No	States/UTs	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
15	Meghalaya	1	0	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	1
17	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0
18	Orissa	15	15	25	28	18
19	Punjab	2	4	3	4	8
20	Rajasthan	137	168	199	166	186
21	Sikkim	0	1	2	1	2
22	Tamil Nadu	6	19	11	5	12
23	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0
24	Uttar Pradesh	322	332	303	242	277
25	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	1	0	0
27	Chandigarh Admn.	0	0	0	0	0
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
29	Daman & Diu	1	0	0	0	1
30	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
32	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	1241	1263	1352	1254	1384

Source: National Crimes Record Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.
Note: Figures are provisional.

Statement-III

Crimes (HURT) reported against Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons during the years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

S.No.	States/UTs	1995	19%	1997	1998	1999
1	Andhra Pradesh	558	369	402	535	485
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	4
4	Bihar	271	297	246	274	245
5	Goa	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	310	265	272	297	418
7	Haryana	24	8	44	67	33

S.No.	States/UTs	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
8	Himachal Pradesh	7	3	5	3	19
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	5	4	7	1
10	Karnataka	59	124	89	40	27
11	Kerala	282	211	226	300	200
12	Madhya Pradesh	884	856	796	809	967
13	Maharashtra	380	206	92	98	80
14	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0
15	Meghalaya	1	0	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	1
17	Nagaland	0	0	4	0	0
18	Orissa	117	168	279	274	250
19	Punjab	6	3	0	2	9
20	Rajasthan	374	244	252	271	2!5
21	Sikkim	12	12	15	1 1	12
22	Tamil Nadu	879	1415	1117	657	235
23	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0
24	Uttar Pradesh	1068	1093	723	802	686
25	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	
27	Chandigarh Admn.	0	0	0	0	
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
29	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
30	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
32	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	5232	5279	4566	4447	3887

Source: National Crimes Record Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Note: Figures are provisional.